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SUBJECT: URANIT ANNOUNCEMENT OF ENRICHMENT PLANT IN
GERMANY

REF: THE HAGUE 1467 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL STATED THAT URANIT, A PARTNER IN URENCO, HAD
ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD BUILD AN ENRICHMENT FACILITY IN
GERMANY OUTSIDE THE URENCO CONTRACT. DEPARTMENT WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS SOONEST CONCERNING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.
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2. RELEVANT PORTION OF REFTEL FOLLOWS (QUOTE):

F. NON-PROLIFERATION -- GON EFFORTS TO SEEK BRITISH,
GERMAN AND BRAZILIAN ACCEPTANCE OF PARLIAMENTARY REQUIRE-
MENT FOR PLUTONIUM STORAGE REGIME PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF
ENRICHED URANIUM HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. THE ANNOUNCEMENT

BY URANIT THAT IT PLANS TO PROCEED WITH AN ENRICHMENT PLANT IN THE FRG OUTSIDE THE URENCO CONTRACT IS TAKEN HERE AS ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE PATIENCE OF URENCO PARTNERS IS WEARING THIN AND THAT FURTHER INSISTENCE BY THE DUTCH ON SAFEGUARDS WILL WRECK THE TRIPARTITE CONSORTIUM AND LEAVE THE BRITISH AND GERMANS FREE TO PROCEED ALONE IN THE ENRICHMENT FIELD. SO FAR, GON HAS BEEN THE

MOST SOLID EUROPEAN SUPPORTER OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES. IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO MAINTAIN DUTCH SUPPORT DESPITE OUR PROBLEM WITH PAST AND CURRENT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS WHICH IMPLY ACCEPTANCE OF BRAZILIAN REPROCESSING. A FULL, FRANK BILATERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT HIGH LEVEL ON NON-PROLIFERATION IS OVERDUE. WE RECOMMEND THAT, IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITH REVIEW THIS SUBJECT WITH VAN DER KLAUW. (END QUOTE)

3. FOR BONN: THE FRG CAN LEGALLY WITHDRAW FROM THE URENCO PARTNERSHIP IN 1982. IN CONNECTION WITH INFCE WORKING GROUP 2 (ENRICHMENT), PLEASE PROVIDE ASSESSMENT AT YOUR CONVENIENCE OF CONTINUED GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN URENCO AFTER 1982. VANCE

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